

(As you prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers.)

## First Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Canon In D" Pachelbel; arr. Smith

Presenting the Word Bob Measamer

†Call to Worship

Angels, From The Realms Of Glory

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

†Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer (Page 16 in the hymnal)

†Hymn #2 "Come, Thous Long-Expected King" HYFRYDOL

Words of Welcome

Call to Confession

God is light; in Him there is not darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

Prayer of Confession - UNISON

**Forgiving God, we confess to You that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in Your light. We confess that we would rather be people who do not lay aside the works of night. We do not trust that Your armor of light is sufficient for us. Instead, we quarrel, we are jealous and live only to gratify our own desires. Give us courage, O God, to trust in Your ways, in Your peace, and in Your good. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin. Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.

**People: Rejoice! For in Christ we are forgiven!  
All: Thanks be to God.**

†Gloria Patri Hymn #579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (Page 14 in the hymnal)

Offertory "I Would Do My Part" Hane

†Doxology "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

†Prayer of Dedication

Words With Our Young Church

**Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile  
here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Lighting the Advent Candle Rietkerk Family

Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Holst  
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture (8:45) Matthew 14:22-38  
Sermon (8:45) "Do You Believe?"  
Dr. Ewart Wyle

Scripture (11:00) Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-13  
Sermon (11:00) "Why We Worship"  
Rev. Chip Stapleton

†Hymn #49 "Once In Royal David's City" IRBY

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

†Postlude "Hymn Of Joy" Beethoven; arr. Broughton  
†All who are able, please stand

### Worship Leaders

Dr. Ernie Johnson  
The Rev. Chip Stapleton  
Dr. Ewart "Doc" Wyle  
Cathy Wilson, Director of Music Ministries  
Earlene McLamb, Organist

**Worship November 29**  
*Greeters* Bob Measamer  
& Lauren Blashford  
*Acolyte*  
*Sound* Clay Johnson

**Worship December 6**  
*Greeters* Owen Smith  
& Carol Ivey  
*Acolyte*  
*Sound* Robb Twaddell

### Sunday Nursery

Our nursery is available every Sunday to care for children while their parents attend the 8:45 Worship Service, Second Mile, Sunday School and/or the 11:00 Worship Service.

### Stewardship Report

as of 11-22-09

#### Analysis of Pledges Due

Total Pledges Due	839,279
Total Pledges Recvd	798,948
Shortage	40,331
% of Pledges Due That Have Been Recvd	95%

Give generously!

### First Sunday Lunch December 6, 2009

Entrees will be:  
*Chicken Pot Pie, BBQ Ribs,  
and Lasagna.*

You will also be treated to a variety of salads and side dishes, desserts, bread and beverage!

Please make your reservations by noon on Thursday, December 3rd.



Births in the Church Family

### Chase Landas Barefoot

October 7, 2009

Parents - Margaret and  
Kenny Barefoot

### Wednesday Night Dinner December 2, 2009

#### Menu

*Pork Chops, Cabbage,  
Potatoes, Bread, Salad Bar,  
Dessert, Beverage*

#### Kids' Menu

*Chicken Tenders & Mac N Cheese*

Please make your reservations by **noon** on Tuesday, December 1st by calling the church at 485-2147 or on-line at [www.hpchurch.org](http://www.hpchurch.org)



James Chavis

Eddie Day

Nancy Sappenfield (Darlene Day's  
Jean Hall Brother)

Bobby Dunsford Della Mol

(Libby Roger's brother) Mazy Wampler

Jenny Cote (Wayne Wampler's  
Mother)

Natalie Griffin

(Darlene Day's Sister) Rick Perko

Linda Lee Allan

#### Hospital

Ruby Campen - Cape Fear



**Michael Johnson - Afghanistan**  
(and wife Amanda)

**CW4 John M. Tew - Afghanistan**  
(son of Joan & Jeff Miller)

**Riley Secrest - Afghanistan**  
(Grandson of Bryan & Betty Sue Carr)

**James W. Smith - Afghanistan**  
(Son of Jane & Iverson Smith  
Grandson of Mary McMillan)

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[www.hpchurch.org](http://www.hpchurch.org); [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org)  
Sunday broadcast can be seen on Ch. 60 - one week delay

A few lines my friends...

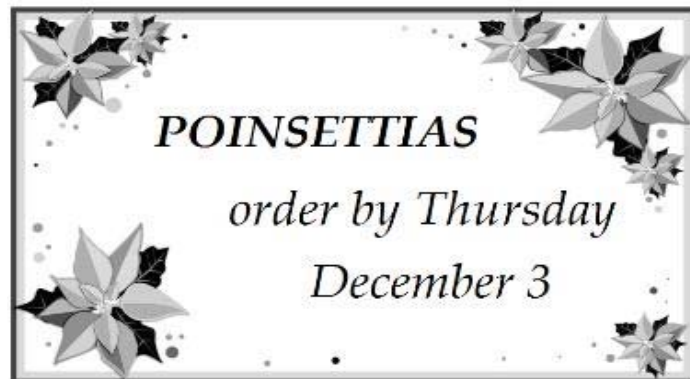
to wish you a blessed and happy thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. Feel free to add to the list and pass it on:

*the church family, good conversations, serving others, home, loved ones, gifts and talents, friends, employment, freedom to come and go, food for the table, laughter, love, rest for the night, clothes, shoes, someone to care for, being cared for, Jesus Christ, God's love, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, thanksgiving day meal, helping others, God's creation, the Bible, worship, music, doctors, nurses, prayer, medicines, books to read, memories, each new day, vacations, prayer, children, grandchildren, beauty of creation, change of seasons, love, faith, hope....*

to offer a special thanks to all who had a part in this year's Thanksgiving Day Meal for those less fortunate. Over 2300 meals were prepared and delivered. Darren Tinny was once again the team captain on this effort surrounded by a host of others who helped serve, deliver, adopted a turkey, baked a pie or casserole, served as hosts, served on the assembly line. Thanks to one and all as in the name of Christ we brought smiles on people's faces and a good meal to body and soul.

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving.

Your Pastor and friend,



### Flingers Christmas Supper and Carol Sing

at the home of  
**Anne and Bob Matlack**  
712 Athens Avenue  
Thursday,  
December 10, 2009  
5:30pm



Please call the church at 485-2147 before December 7th to make your reservations.

There will be no charge for the supper, but donations to support an Interfaith family for Christmas will be gratefully accepted.

Shuttle service will be available from the church at 5:30pm for those in need of assistance. New members welcome!



Carol Sing

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

Tonight's the night! The 2nd Annual HPC Dodgeball Tournament and Extravaganza! The good times start at 5:30 and the rumbles can happen at anytime!  
Are you going to be there or are you just that square?

### "SAVE THE DATE"

FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION INASMUCH (FAOIAM)  
ANNUAL BREAD 'N BOWLS MEAL  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010  
Lunch 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM; Dinner 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Hay Street United Methodist Church  
Proceeds to Support the FAOIAM Ministry  
Details to Follow

### ANGEL TREE

Christmas is approaching and we are gearing up once again to adopt 20 needy families for Christmas through Interfaith. These 20 families are struggling to get back on their feet so most of their income is used for essentials. We are asking Sunday Schools, circles and families to adopt a needy family to assure that they have a bright Christmas.

Adopting a family is easy. Groups such as Sunday school classes or circles can call the church and adopt a family from our list or if individuals would like to help, we will have each family's wishes on our Angel Trees located in the Fellowship Hall or the Narthex.

We are asking that all gifts be returned to the church by Friday, December 18th so that they can be handed out well before Christmas day.

- Mon., Nov. 30**  
7:00pm Volley Ball
- Tues., Dec. 1**  
1:00pm Bridge- Parlor  
4:00pm Tutoring - Son Valley  
7:00pm Hospice Memorial Svc - Chapel
- Weds., Dec. 2**  
3:45pm Catechism  
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner  
5:00pm Junior Bells  
6:00pm Faith Weavers  
6:30 Chancel Choir
- Thur., Dec. 3**  
1:00pm Beginning Computer Class  
4:00pm Girl Scouts/Tutoring  
4:30pm Children's Chimes  
5:30pm 2nd Mile Leadership Mtg  
6:30pm 2nd Mile Rehearsal
- Fri., Dec. 4**  
2:30pm New Bridge Class- Parlor
- Sat., Dec. 5**  
9:30am Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., Dec. 6 - Stewardship Dedication**  
8:45am Worship Service-Chapel  
8:45am 2nd Mile Service - Fellowship Hall  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary  
12:00pm First Sunday Lunch  
4:30pm Youth Bells  
5:00pm Youth Chorale  
5:30pm Middle School Youth  
6:00pm Highland Ringers  
6:30pm Senior High Youth



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

**Ruth Medbury Robinson**

Given by: *her granddaughter,  
Jennifer Lockart,  
and great grandchildren*

### Our Christian love is expressed to:

**Kay Case**  
on the recent death  
of her mother  
**Kathleen Oglesby**

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."  
Psalm 116:15

### Making Disciples for Jesus Christ

Worship and news of  
our church family  
Highland Presbyterian Church  
November 29, 2009



### The Turkeys came, the turkeys went!



Remarkable doesn't even begin to cover what kind of a day Thanksgiving was around Highland Presbyterian Church! Awesome may describe the day even better!

With the help of hundreds of volunteers, to include church members and those from outside of Highland, we served 1900 Thanksgiving Day meals from Highland Presbyterian Church proper and we sent enough food to the Salvation Army to serve 400 meals through their Love Lunches program.

That's 2,300 meals, that's a 27% increase in meals served in just the last two years. **That's** a lot of turkeys!!

We hope that everyone who participated in this great day of giving not only felt like you served Christ in such a meaningful way but that you had a lot of joy in doing so.

### Stewardship Dedication

Sunday, December 6th  
All three worship services